

to focus on her contributions and service to Dallas. This attitude was instilled in her by her family growing up in Cleveland, Ohio and to this day, she continues to adhere to the qualities of humility, style and class. In this case, she is truly a good example of this city which is inherent of style and class.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to those qualities, she took the lessons of achievement and excellence with her to the University of Pennsylvania, double majoring in Economics and Finance. Keenly focused on success as a woman in our society, she moved to a city that is a blueprint of success in Dallas. Before coming to Dallas, she spent time in New York until she learned where the real "first-class" city was in America.

Mr. Speaker, since that move, she has been a vigorous advocate of many community and social causes. Not only has Mrs. Kirk made her mark in her career, she has given back to a city that has yielded her opportunities. She recently chaired the 15th Annual African-American Museum Gala, which was a successful event under her stewardship.

She is also Chair Elect of the Texas Business Hall of Fame, an organization that awards scholarships to MBA's. As a model to

young women in our area, she is a member of the Advisory Board of Girls, Inc. and recently completed service on the YWCA Board.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Kirk was recently the cover story of an area magazine that focused on her three-pronged approach to life: Family, service and career excellence. In the article, Mrs. Kirk mentioned that she is blessed and has a lot to give. It is clear through seeing her great children, community involvement and strong support of her husband and this city, that Mrs. Kirk has truly given back to us and blessed us with a great example for all women.

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HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 165, and to recognize and

honor Sergeant Richard Asten, a fourteen year veteran of the Kansas City, Kansas, police department, who on June 11, 1998, was struck down in the line of duty.

On that fateful morning, just after 8 a.m., Sergeant Asten was filling in for a colleague who had taken sick when he was called to help stop a stolen vehicle. When Sergeant Asten placed a stop stick in the path of the vehicle, according to eyewitness accounts, the driver intentionally swerved to run him over. Sergeant Asten left behind his family: his wife, Margie Asten; and their three children, Lief Ray, Theresa Ray, and Scott Ray, who currently is serving our country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, supporting this resolution affirms the invaluable service provided to our communities by police officers and their families. Sergeant Asten and his fellow peace officers form the thin blue line that stands between us and those would do us harm. Passage of H. Res. 165 is the least we can do to honor and recognize police officers and families who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy freedom, safety and security.